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TUALATIN PLANNING COMMISSION -

MINUTES OF June 5, 2012

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Riley
Alan Aplin
Jeff DeHaan
Steve Klingerman
Bill Beers
Cameron Grile
Nic Herriges (arrived during Agenda item 5)

STAFF PRESENT:

Will Harper
Kaaren Hofmann
Ben Bryant
Lynette Sanford

TPC MEMBER ABSENT: None

GUESTS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Roll call was taken.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 1, 2012

Mr. Riley asked for review and approval of May 1, 2012 TPC meeting minutes. MOTION by Aplin SECONDED by Beers to approve the May 1, 2012 TPC meeting minutes. MOTION PASSED 5-0 with Steve Klingerman abstaining.

3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (NOT ON THE AGENDA):**

None

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF:**

A. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update.

Kaaren Hofmann, Engineering Manager, gave an update on the Transportation System Plan (TSP), which included a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Hofmann explained that we are currently in Step 2 of the TSP process. Since April, we've discussed the project screening process with the City Council, Planning Commission, and TPARK. They've finalized their evaluation framework, conducted a preliminary evaluation, and summarized the evaluation by criteria category.

These minutes are not verbatim. The meeting was recorded, and copies of the recording are retained for a period of one year from the date of the meeting and are available upon request.

The evaluation process reviews each feasible project idea against a set of evaluation criteria and determines how well the idea meets with goals and objects of the TSP. The seven goal categories are:

- Access and Mobility
- Safety
- Vibrant Community
- Economy
- Health and the Environment
- Equity
- Ability to be Implemented

Ms. Hofmann discussed the next slide which detailed the evaluation scale. The ratings are similar to what you would see in Consumer Reports. A full circle addresses the criterion, a half-circle partially addresses the criterion, an empty circle does not support the intent, and N/A means the criterion does not apply. This information will be used during the third round of working group meetings, which are currently in progress. There will be a preliminary recommendations discussion with Task Force on June 21st and there will be an online open house on preliminary recommendations in July and August. There will also be an outreach at the Farmers Market and Crawfish Festival, coming up this summer.

Ms. Hofmann added that additional analysis will begin immediately and hopes to have a recommendation or a technical evaluation recommendation to the Task Force by the end of the summer. These six areas are:

- Tualatin-Sherwood Road Options
- Nyberg Interchange Options
- Boones Ferry Road Options
- North to South Connectivity
- Herman Road and Tualatin Road Options
- Tualatin's Downtown Circulation

Mr. DeHaan asked what the additional analysis consists of. Ms. Hofmann responded that Engineering will lay out projects and run pieces of the projects through the model. Mr. Klingerman asked if there was a traffic modeling program. Ms. Hofmann responded that they run the transportation projects through a model and find the deficiencies and gaps through 2035. Mr. Klingerman asked how long it takes from idea to completion and functionality. Ms. Hofmann replied that it depends on the dollar amount of the project and priority. Depending on the money involved, some projects may begin as early as next year.

Ms. Hofmann continued discussing the slides that detailed the Working Group project ideas for Bicycle and Pedestrian, Downtown, Industrial and Freight, Major Corridors and Intersections, Neighborhood Livability, and Transit. A brief discussion followed with questions being asked and answered.

Mr. DeHaan commented that it was a great idea to get input from the Allied Waste drivers and we should get back to them to let them know we valued their input. Ms. Hofmann responded that she has reached out to them via email and their input was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Klingerman added that he lives near Avery and Teton. A few times within the past year, he has had issues with people not stopping at the stop sign at this intersection. Ms. Hofmann responded that a signal is still on the list of projects.

Regarding the transit section, Mr. Klingerman asked if WES will be expanding their days and hours of operation. He added that it would be more efficient if it ran on the weekends. Ms. Hofmann responded that this issue has come up as a project and Tri-Met will be notified. Mr. Harper added that on the Tri-Met side, ridership is up. This includes bus, rail, streetcar, and senior services. This may be due to the economy and lifestyle changes for residents and workers. Mr. DeHaan stated that he and his family use the #96 bus from Tualatin to downtown and it's very efficient.

Ms. Hofmann continued with the summary of the Working Groups. We're currently in the 3rd round of the Working Group meetings. They're developing preliminary recommendations including what projects make sense, which do not make sense, and what projects need additional analysis. These preliminary recommendations will be discussed with the Task Force on June 21st. The online open house on preliminary recommendations will be in July and August.

The Transportation System Plan Timeline slide shows where we are in the process and shows upcoming public meetings. These events include the Crawfish Festival, Farmers Market, and Coffee Klatches/Tabling Events.

Mr. DeHaan would like the Commission members to make a motion to the City Council to thank the drivers of Allied Waste. The motion he drafted states: "The Tualatin Planning Commission recommends to the Tualatin City Council that a resolution be adopted thanking the drivers of Allied Waste for their active and helpful participation in the Tualatin Transportation System Planning process." Ben Bryant recommended drafting a letter to them thanking them for this process and having it signed by the Chair and the Mayor. Mr. Riley added that we should add other companies to the list as to not single out one company. MOTION by DeHaan, SECOND by Aplin to make a motion to acknowledge the companies for their involvement in the TSP process. MOTION passed 7-0.

B. Basalt Creek Transportation Planning/SW 124th Ave Alignment

Mr. Bryant presented a review of the Basalt Creek Transportation Refinement Evaluation Report and the SW 124th Avenue Alignment, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Bryant stated that the City of Tualatin has been collaborating with the City of Wilsonville, Washington County, Metro, and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to solidify a transportation network in the Basalt Creek Planning Area. A few concepts were presented to improve transportation between SW 124th Avenue and I-5. In addition to the City Council's review of these concepts on January 9th, they were shared with residents at open houses in December, February, and March.

The policy group recommended that the staff move forward and look at three concepts to get traffic through the Basalt Creek area. Mr. Bryant stated that staff members took these three concepts and tried to come up with an evaluation of how they function in a traffic perspective, what impact they have to the environment, and the cost. They are:

Concept 1: Improve Existing.

These improvements include:

- Widening Tonquin, Grahams Ferry, and Day to 5 lanes
- Two new bridges (over railroad tracks and creek)

The findings from traffic prospective included adequate mobility for the next 20 years but if you add in growth, it may not provide adequate mobility through 2035.

Concept 2: Diagonal Alignment.

These improvements include:

- New 5-lane Tonquin extension between Grahams Ferry and Boones Ferry
- Widens Grahams Ferry and Boones Ferry (south of new arterial, Tonquin, and Day to 5 lanes
- Two new bridges (over railroad tracks and creek)

The findings provide adequate mobility for next 20 years. Single east-west arterial corridor west of Grahams Ferry does not provide adequate mobility for planned growth in metropolitan region through 2035.

Concept 3: East-West Alignment.

These improvements include:

- New 5-lane facility between future 124th Avenue and Boones Ferry south of Tonquin Road
- Widens Grahams Ferry and Boones Ferry (south of new arterial, and Day to 5 lanes
- Two new bridges (over railroad tracks and creek).

The findings provide adequate mobility for next 20 years. Require new I-5 overcrossing to provide adequate mobility for planned growth in the metropolitan region through 2035.

The following slide showed a detailed map of the overcrossing of I-5. Discussion followed regarding the different driving route scenarios and the pros and cons of each.

Mr. Bryant continued with the presentation and explained how they came up the evaluation findings. They took these concepts and measured how they met the evaluation criteria that the policy group came up with. The graph detailed which

evaluation measure performs well, adequately, does not perform, or performs poorly. What they found was the East-West performed much better than some of the others. The Diagonal concept was less supportive of development because it crossed property lines. The Improve Existing concept was less supportive of development because it didn't meet mobility needs. Mr. Beers asked why if the East-West has the shortest bridges, why does it cost 10 million more than the Diagonal concept, which has the longest route. Mr. Bryant responded even though it's shorter, it provides a new roadway which costs more. Mr. Klingerman asked if the costs listed are in today's dollars. Mr. Bryant responded that it was quoted in today's dollars. For comparison purposes, they needed to use the same date for all the quotes.

Mr. Bryant continued with the SW 124th Avenue Extension Alignments slide which included traffic studies. The detailed map showed positive benefits in traffic flow. In the SW Concept plan that was approved in 2011, 124th was identified as going straight down. Long-term, it's still the plan, but we have short term constraints. We have to go through an exception process to build the road to extend south outside the Urban Growth Boundary. Another constraint is the gravel pit. The county has met property owners and community members and came up with a couple of short-term options.

Mr. Bryant stated that the County has proposed funding. The Major Street Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) is a fund which they allocate \$35 million a year for five years to various transportation projects within the county. This is a potential project on the list, which may be approved in July.

C. Linking Tualatin Update

Mr. Harper gave an update on Linking Tualatin. Everyone is invited to attend a Community Workshop on June 4-7 at the Tualatin Library Community Room. Community members will help develop land use alternative for the focus areas with daily sessions targeted at specific areas of the city. Everyone is invited to stop by during the day to participate in discussions about each focus area, or between 6:00-8:00 pm to learn about the day's work and provide feedback on the project.

Mr. Harper commented that so far there has been a lot of good discussion and the consultants have been doing a great job.

D. Prohibited Activities with Regard to Ballot Measures

Mr. Harper presented a memo from City Attorney, Brenda Braden. Ms. Braden wanted the staff and Commission members to know that there are certain rules to follow regarding ballot measures. The memo acknowledged ORS 260.432, which states: "No public employee shall solicit any money, influence, service or other thing of value or otherwise promote or oppose the nomination or election of a candidate, the gathering of signatures on an initiative, referendum or recall petition, the adoption of the measure or the recall of a public office holder while on the job during working hours. However, this

section does not restrict the right of a public employee to express personal political views.”

This means that while you are sitting in your committee, board or commission meeting, or if you are speaking someplace on behalf of your committee, board, or commission (on your job during your working hours) you may not take a position either in favor or in opposition to the initiative.

Mr. Klingerman asked when Ms. Braden will be retiring. Mr. Harper responded that she will be retiring at the end of June and the City is in the process of hiring a new City Attorney.

6 FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Harper stated there are no upcoming Plan Amendments, except for maybe one associated with an apartment complex development located at Nyberg Lane and 65th, where the RV Park was. On the horizon, there may be a potential variance for a multi-family residential property. They're looking for set-back changes which may require a variance.

Mr. Riley asked about the status of the Alexan property. Mr. Harper stated that their funding is closing on June 21st. This is one of three projects the developer is getting funded. Once they pay their permit fees, they will be start building.

Mr. Klingerman asked about the composting facility in Stafford. Mr. Harper replied that the last he heard, there was a window of opportunity where opponents could appeal. There was an initial appeal that went back to Clackamas County. There was a new decision approving the composting facility with conditions of approval. A Stafford citizens group was considering appealing, but Mr. Harper is unaware of the current status

Mr. Riley congratulated Cameron Grile, our new Commission member, and asked him to introduce himself. Mr. Grile has lived in Tualatin since 2007. He has previously worked in traffic engineering and transportation planning with a downtown consulting firm. He is looking to become more involved as a citizen of Tualatin and is happy to be part of the Commission.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

A. TPC Meeting July 5 – Should we cancel?

Mr. Harper asked the Commission members if they would like to cancel the TPC meeting scheduled for July 5th. After a brief discussion, all Commission members agreed to the cancellation. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9th. It was originally scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th, but was rescheduled due to Tualatin's National Night Out event.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Beers SECONDED by Klingerman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm
MOTION PASSED 7-0.

_____ Lynette Sanford, Office Coordinator